

# Busy week for rescues

Crews save three in bay Monday

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**Duxbury Harbormaster Don Beers responds to a 911 call for three people struggling in the water off Standish Shore Monday.**

Photo courtesy Duxbury Fire

This has been a busy week for Duxbury emergency crews who have searched for an ultralight plane, rescued three men struggling to stay afloat in the bay on Monday and responded to two motorcycle accidents at Dead Man's Curve on Sunday.

On Monday, July 18, news crews descended on Duxbury to cover the story of an ultra light airplane that had crashed on the East Street Bog. The emergency call came in at 10:25 a.m. Duxbury Police rushed to the

town- owned conservation area to search for the plane.

They were assisted by the Harbormaster's department and by state police, Duxbury Fire Captain Rob Reardon said. Fire Captain Brian Monahan, who was in charge, requested the state police helicopter Airwing to help with the search and get "the bird's eye view" of the area,

said Reardon.

The rescue crews searched and searched but came up empty.

"We found nothing," said Reardon, adding that the department is calling it "a good intent call," meaning someone with good intentions called the crash in, thinking it happened when it did not.

The search had a downside though, it tied up rescue crews when another – this time real – emergency came in.

"All our resources were out there when we got multiple 911 calls about an overturned boat in the water off of Massasoit Road," said Reardon.

Two brothers were going to take a sail Monday morning and began rowing out in a dinghy to their sail boat, which was about 150 yards off shore, when one of the boys decided to swim to the sail boat. He jumped out of the dinghy but "when he did that, the other brother went into the water," said Reardon. A man on shore entered the water to help the boys but all three ended up in trouble and calling out for help.

"They were struggling to stay above water," Reardon said. "Nobody had on life jackets and they all needed to be rescued."

Duxbury Harbormaster officers reached the boys and man with their boat and rescued them, bringing them to shore to Duxbury paramedics and a waiting ambulance.

"They did an excellent job for us," said Reardon of the Harbormaster personnel.

The man who was in the water was transported in a stable condition to Beth Israel Deaconess-Plymouth with exhaustion, according to Reardon.



**Duxbury fire crews responded to reports of an Ultralight plane crashing in a bog Monday.**

No plane was found.

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The incident made the local television news because news crews were in the area for the ultralight aircraft crash to begin with, he said.

On Sunday afternoon, police responded to two separate motorcycle accidents on Dead Man's Curve on Tremont Street near Alden Street – one at 3:45 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. Both involved only the motorcycle and not another vehicle, said Reardon, and both drivers were transported to the hospital. Reardon said emergency crews do not have a reason for the crashes as he said “there was nothing on the road” at the time of the crashes. They are chalking it up to the drivers' lack of experience on that curvy road.



**Another 911 was called in when Duxbury emergency crews were searching for the plane. They rushed to the bay to rescue three people from the water.**

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